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## PRESS RELEASE

### **USAID supports the adoption of the new public procurement law**

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), through its Business Environment Activity (BEA) and e-Government Project, supported the drafting of the new law on public procurement in the Republic of Macedonia. The Law was adopted by the Macedonian Assembly on November 6, 2007, and was presented by BEA and the Public Procurement Bureau in a ceremony on December 3, 2007.

"The new law enhances the transparency and integrity of the Government's purchasing decisions, which will improve Macedonia's reputation in the area of corruption, and attract trade and investment partners," said U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Thomas Navratil at the ceremony. "However, only fair, transparent and efficient implementation will bring the desired benefits."

The new law will increase the transparency of tendering procedures, provide consistency with other legislation, and strengthen the legal protection of bidders. USAID BEA and other key players encouraged a public debate of the law to make sure its adoption was an open and transparent process. With the new law, Macedonia makes another step forward to the harmonization of its legislations with EU standards.

#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

The American people, through USAID, have invested nearly \$500 million in Macedonia since 1993. USAID is implementing projects that increase investment, create jobs, reduce corruption, and improve the quality of education in Macedonia. These initiatives support Macedonia's transition to a stable democracy and its successful integration into the European Union. USAID provides economic and humanitarian assistance in more than 100 countries. For more information please visit <http://macedonia.usaid.gov>.